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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 Shiro Dosho, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4681
 Application No.: 10/680,129 : Group Art Unit: 2816
 Filed: October 08, 2003 : Examiner: Le, Dinh Thanh
 For: LADDER FILTER, ANALOG EQUALIZER AND SIGNAL READOUT SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached: Copy of Divisional application transmittal filed 10/8/03

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	2	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$120.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$120.00

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$120.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FORM FOR APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

DOCKET NUMBER: 60188-674

Prior Application:

Art Unit: 2816
Examiner: LE

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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a **Divisional** application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. **09/594,153**, filed on **June 15, 2000**, entitled **LADDER FILTER, ANALOG EQUALIZER AND SIGNAL READOUT SYSTEM**, by the following named inventors: Shiro DOSHO and Takashi MORIE.

1. I hereby state that the enclosed application contains no new matter.
2. Oath or Declaration
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
 - i. Deletion of inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
3. Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
4. Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
6. Cancel claims 1-5.

7. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	AMOUNT
Total Claims	2	-20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	-3	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$0.00					\$0.09
Total Application Fee					\$770.00
Subtract ½ if small entity					\$0.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$770.00
AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 500417					\$770.00

- 7a. Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 7b. A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
- 8a. PLEASE CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500417 in the amount of \$770.00
- 8b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. 09/594,153 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.
9. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/594,153 filed June 15, 2000.--
10. Priority of Application Serial No. 11-168872 filed on June 15, 1999, in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority document was filed in Serial No. 09/594,153 on June 15, 2000.
11. The prior application is assigned of record to

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.
Osaka, JAPAN

12. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

McDermott, Will & Emery

13. Also enclosed:

Copy of Associate Power of Attorney

14. A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until .

Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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